

What is claimed is:

1. A weapon grip assembly for facilitating grasping and support of a forward portion of a weapon, said weapon grip assembly comprising a base assembly supported by a handle, said base assembly comprising clamps adapted to be secured to a forward portion of the weapon.
2. The weapon grip assembly of claim 1 wherein each of said clamps have a weapon receiving surface.
3. The weapon grip assembly of claim 2 wherein each of said clamps have a free end.
4. The weapon grip assembly of claim 3 wherein said clamps are adapted to be secured to a handguard of the forward portion of the weapon.
5. The weapon grip assembly of claim 4 wherein each of said clamps are curved throughout a length thereof.
6. The weapon grip assembly of claim 5 wherein said weapon receiving surface of each of said clamps is adapted to cooperatively engage an exterior surface of the handguard of the forward portion of the weapon.
7. The weapon grip assembly of claim 6 wherein said weapon receiving surface of each of said clamps includes a concave segment.

8. The weapon grip assembly of claim 7 wherein said clamps are reversibly secured to the exterior surface of the handguard of the forward portion of the weapon upon manipulation of said handle.

9. The weapon grip assembly of claim 3 wherein said handle includes an exterior surface.

10. The weapon grip assembly of claim 9 wherein said handle includes a stowage compartment.

11. The weapon grip assembly of claim 10 wherein said stowage compartment is accessible at a free end of said handle.

12. The weapon grip assembly of claim 11 wherein said free end of said handle is adapted to receive a cap.

13. The weapon grip assembly of claim 12 wherein said handle includes a cap for sealing said stowage compartment.

14. The weapon grip assembly of claim 13 wherein said cap is lockingly received at said free end of said handle.

15. The weapon grip assembly of claim 14 wherein said cap is threadingly received at said free end of said handle.

16. The weapon grip assembly of claim 14 wherein said handle has a substantially circular cross section.

17. The weapon grip assembly of claim 16 wherein said exterior surface of said handle is profiled.

18. The weapon grip assembly of claim 17 wherein said clamps are reversibly secured to the forward portion of the weapon upon manipulation of said handle.

19. The weapon grip assembly of claim 18 wherein said exterior surface of said handle includes grooves.

20. The weapon grip assembly of claim 19 wherein said grooves are in a spaced apart condition about a lower portion of said handle.

21. The weapon grip assembly of claim 20 wherein said spaced apart grooves circumscribe said lower portion of said handle.

22. The weapon grip assembly of claim 3 wherein said base assembly comprises a post having a clamp end adapted to retain said clamps.

23. The weapon grip assembly of claim 22 wherein said clamps are retained at said clamp end of said post for individual pivot motion with respect thereto.

24. The weapon grip assembly of claim 23 wherein said post is receivable in an aperture of said handle.

25. The weapon grip assembly of claim 24 wherein said post

is adapted to be reversibly drawn into said aperture of said handle.

26. The weapon grip assembly of claim 25 wherein said post includes a threaded segment adjacent said clamp end.

27. The weapon grip assembly of claim 26 wherein said threaded segment of said post is reversibly advanceable within said aperture of said handle upon rotation of said handle with respect to said base assembly.

28. The weapon grip assembly of claim 25 further comprising a mandrel interposed between said handle and said clamps of said base assembly.

29. The weapon grip assembly of claim 28 wherein a portion of said mandrel is configured to receive said clamp end of said base assembly.

30. The weapon grip assembly of claim 28 wherein said mandrel is axially translatable upon said post of said base assembly.

31. The weapon grip assembly of claim 29 wherein said mandrel operatively engages said clamp end of said post so as to limit axial translation of said mandrel upon said post.

32. The weapon grip assembly of claim 30 wherein said mandrel has a portion of an upper surface thereof adapted

to operatively engage said clamps.

32. The weapon grip assembly of claim 32 wherein rotation of said handle relative to said base assembly causes pivot closure of said clamps via engagement of said upper portion of an upper surface thereof with said clamps.

33. A weapon grip to aid forward manipulation of a weapon, said weapon grip comprising a handle from which extends a base assembly, said base assembly including jaws adapted for select operative engagement with a handguard of the weapon.

34. A grenade launcher for operational engagement with a host weapon, said grenade launcher comprising a barrel equipped with a barrel handguard and a grip assembly depending from said barrel.

35. The grenade launcher of claim 34 wherein said grip assembly is in operative engagement with cartridge retainer rivets of said launcher.

36. The grenade launcher of claim 34 wherein said grip assembly is integral to said barrel.

37. The grenade launcher of claim 34 wherein said grip assembly is integral to said barrel handguard.

38. The grenade launcher of claim 34 wherein said grip assembly depends from said barrel handguard.

39. The grenade launcher of claim 34 wherein said grip assembly is affixed to said barrel handguard.

40. The grenade launcher of claim 39 wherein said grip is adhesively affixed to said barrel handguard.

41. The grenade launcher of claim 39 wherein said grip is mechanically affixed to said barrel handguard.

42. The grenade launcher of claim 41 wherein said grip is clamped about a portion of said barrel handguard.